(b) if so, what are the details thereof, stating the present stage of this proposal?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA: (a) and (b) The Bombay Municipal Corporation are examining a proposal for the construction of a new road-over-bridge near Vidya Vihar, to be executed by the Railway on 'Deposit Terms'. They have not yet conveyed acceptance to the plans and estimate sent to them by the Railway.

Demand for fast local trains from Bombay

2280. SHRI SUBRAMANIAN SWAMY: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the last fast suburban local train leaves Bombay V.T. towards North at 20-40 hrs;

(b) whether there has been a great demand for more fast local trains towards Northern side, upto 22-30 hours; and

(c) if so, what action is being taken in this regard?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MAHABIR PRASAD): (a) the last S.29 Bombay-Karjat local train leaves Bombay V.T. at 20.44 hrs.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) Operationally not feasible.

Raissing the height of latforms at Bombay suburban stations

2281 SHRI SUBRAMANIAN SWAMY: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the commuters of Western Railway suburban stations in Bombay experience great difficulty in boarding suburban trains, due to the wide gap between the platforms and foot boards of the trains; and

(b) if so, what steps have been taken or are proposed to be taken to reduce the gap and increase the height of the platform usrfaces?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MAHABIR PRASAD): (a) and (b) A systematic survey has been carried out by Western Railway to identify the suburban stations where raising of level of the platforms is required to be done. Raising of level of these platforms is being done on a programmed basis depending upon availability of funds.

Robbing of Green Cards from Indians in USA

2282. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the immigrants or visitors of Indian origin to the US are increasingly being robbed of their green cards and passports;

(b) whether they include all levels of people, from the wife of an Indian correspondent to a visiting businessmen; and

(c) if so, what are the main reasons therefor, whether Government have taken up the matter with the US Government; if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI K. NATWAR SINGH): (a) and (c) The Government have seen some press reports in this regard. However according to the information received from our Missions/Posts in the USA, there are no indications to show that Indian immigrants/visitors are increasingly being robbed of their passports

or green cards. The question of taking up the matter with the US Government does not arise.

(b) The reported loss of passport pertains to all levels of people. However, there is no specific information regarding the loss of the passport of the wife of an Indian correspondent or that of a visiting businessman.

इंडियन एयरलाइंस में राजभाषा का कार्यान्वयन

2283. **श्री रजनी रंजन साहू :** क्या नागर विमानन तथा पर्यटन मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) इंडियन एयरलाइंस में राजभाषा के कार्यान्वित का काम कार्मिक संवर्ग के व्यक्तियों को सौंपे जाने के क्या कारण हैं, जबकि इस मंत्रालय के अधीन अन्य उपक्रमों में राजभाषा विभाग में हिन्दी अधिकारियों/वरिष्ठ अनुवादकों के अलग से पद सृजित किए गए हैं तथा इंडियन एयरलाइन्स में हिन्दी अधिकारियों तथा वरिष्ठ हिन्दी अनुवादकों के पद अलग से सृजित न किये जाने के क्या कारण हैं ;

(ख) इंडियन एयरलाइन्स में राजभाषा के कार्यान्वियन में लगे हुए कार्मिक संवर्ग के अधिकारियों के लिए हिन्दी के ज्ञान से संबंधित अपेक्षित अर्हता क्या हैं ; क्या यह लोक उद्यम ब्यरो द्वारा हिन्दी अधिकारियों के लिए निर्धारित अर्हता के समान हैं ; और

(ग) इस सरकारी उपक्रम में जिसमें लगभग 21000 पदाधिकारी हैं राजभाषा अनुभागों में काम कर रहे हिन्दी अनुवादकों की स्थिति क्या है और इस संवर्ग में उनकी पदोन्नति की संभावनायें क्या हैं ?

नागर विमानन और पर्यटन मंत्रालय के राज्य मंत्री (श्री शिवराज पाटिल) : (क) से (ग) सूचना एकत्र की जा रही है तथा सभा पटल पर रख दी जाएगी।

US Policy in the United Nations

2284. SHRI CHITTA BASU: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that it is the policy decision of US to link voting pattern at the United Nations with the formulation of bilateral policies with different countries; and

(b) if so, what is Government's reaction to this policy stand of US?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI P. V. NARASIMHA RAO): (a) The United States has at times indicated that the voting pattern at the United Nations of various countries on issues of interest to the United States is one of several factors that influences bilateral relations with these countries.

(b) Government have noted the policy enuciated by the United States.

Average rate of accidents in Metropolitan Cities

2285. DR. YELAMANCHILI SHIVJI: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) what is the average rate of road accidents and fatalities in Delhi, yearwise, from 1985 to 1988; and

(b) in what manner Calcutta, Bombay and Madras compare with Delhi in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI RAJESH PILOT): (a) and (b) A comparative data indicating rate of road accidents and fatalities (per 1000 vehicles) in Delhi, Calcutta,